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SUBJ: MALIK ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR

REF: A. JAKARTA 12425(NOTAL) B. JAKARTA 9984(NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN MALIK OCTOBER 9, I ASKED HIM FOR IMPRESSIONS OF UNGA, INCLUDING HIS MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOEARES(REF A). MALIK OPENED BY STATING THAT SOARES HAS SAID GOP WOULD NOT OBJECT IF TOMORESE CHOSE TO JOIN INDONESIA, BUT THAT GOP WISHES TO GIVE THEM CHOICE, PROBABLY IN FORM OF REFERENDUM IN 1975.

2. MALIK SAID HE NOW FEARS THAT WITH SPINOLA GONE RADICAL GOP WILL STIMULATE LEFTIST IN TIMOR TO TRY TO
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TAKE POWER. INDEED, FOUR OR FIVE COMMUNIST FROM MACAO

HAVE ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED INTO TIMOR. IN VIEW THIS SITUATION, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR GOI TO WORK WITH GOP "TO ARRANGE THINGS BEHIND THE SCENES," AND HE (MALIK) HAS TOLD PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT GOP NOT BALE TO HELP, ALTHOUGH ALI MURTOPO IS VISTING LISBON TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH GOP (REF A).

3. TURNING TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR, MALIK STATED THAT 60-70 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WANT "TO JOIN THE OTHER HALF OF TIMOR." POSITION OF THE 10,000 CHINESE IS AMBIGUOUS WITH SOME PRO-PRC AND SOME PRO-GRC. DURING A RECENT STOPOVER IN TAIPEI, MALIK URGED GRC TO BE HELPFUL.

4. IN VIEW CONFUSED SITUATION, MALIK INVITED PORTUGUESE MINISTER FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COOPERATION SANTOS TO VISIT JAKARTA TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING HIS STOPS IN MACAO, CANBERRA AND TIMOR. (DESPITE FACT SANTOS WILL BE IN JAKARTA ONLY DURING OCTOBER 17-18 LEBARAN CELEBRATION, HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT, MALIK AND DEFMIN GENERAL PANGGABEAN).

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE TIMOR IN UN FOURTH COMMITTEE, MALIK STATED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS MATTER, BUT THAT IT (PRESUMABLY ANNEXATION BY INDONESIA) WOULD NOT BE "TOO DIFFICULT."

6. COMMENT: IN STATING (UNFACTUALLY FROM ALL OTHER REPORTS) THAT 60-70 PERCENT OF PORTUGUESE TIMORESE FAVOR INTEGRATION INTO INDONESIA AND IMPLYING THAT LEFTIST GOP IS MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK TO ATTACK AGAINST MOLGKHRIK, MALIK HAS MOVED ALMOST 180 DEGREES FROM POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO INTEGRATION HE TOOK TWO MONTHS AGO (REF B). WITH MALIK NOW TAKING A PRO-INTEGRATION STANCE, IT SEEMS DOUBREKLIZQKYNEUY IS DETERMINED

TO ANNEX TIMORN WITH ONLY QUESTIONS BEING NOW AND WHEN.
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